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SUBJECT: GDR NOTES ON WMO CONVENTION

REF: USUN 5219

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES GDR STATEMENT CHALLENGING FRG
AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT WEST BERLIN IN WORLD METEOROLOGICAL
ORGANIZATION (WMO) REFTEL REQUIRES PROMPT RESPONSE.

EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RAISE MATTER IN BONN GROUP WITH
RECOMMENDATION THAT APPROPRIATE REPLY (PERHAPS TAILORED
VERSION OF ALLIED AND FRG REPLIES TO SIMILAR GDR NOTE

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2. IN EVENT THAT COPY OF GDR NOTE POUCHED POSTS BY USUN (PARA 2 REFTTEL) HAS NOT YET ARRIVED, TEXT OF SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF GDR NOTE FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT.

" WITH REGARD TO THE APPLICATION TO BERLIN (WEST) OF THE CONVENTION OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 STATES THAT BERLIN (WEST) IS NOT PART OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND MAY NOT BE GOVERNED BY IT. ACCORDINGLY, THE STATEMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ACCORDING TO WHICH THE CONVENTION OF THE WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR METEOROLOGY IS ALSO VALID FOR LAND BERLIN, IS CONTRARY

TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT AND CAN HAVE NO LEGAL EFFECT." END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY ALSO SHOULD BE AWARE AND BRING TO ATTENTION OF BONN GROUP FACT THAT ADDITIONAL NOTE, DATED OCTOBER 29, WAS SENT BY GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY TO WMO SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIES WHO CIRCULATED IT IN GENEVA ON NOVEMBER 21. SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF THIS NOTE, WHICH MAY NOT REQUIRE ALLIED RESPONSE, READS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT.

"THERE IS CAUSE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TREATY OF 21 DECEMBER 1972 ON THE BASES OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ARE GUIDED, IN SHAPING THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS, BY THE PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OF ALL STATES.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION KINDLY TO CIRCULATE THIS STATEMENT."
END TEXT. KISSINGER

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